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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated March 20, 2002, Paper No. 13, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-9, 23-24, 39 and 43, which are drawn to a signal amplification system.

Group II, claims 10-22 and 25-38, which are drawn to a method of selecting a molecule of interest.

Group III, claim 40, which is drawn to a molecule of interest.

Group IV, claim 41, which is drawn to a polynucleotide capable of expressing a molecule that interacts with a fused target ligand coupled with an enzyme.

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Group V, claim 42, which is drawn to a substance capable of stimulating or inhibiting the interaction between a ligand and a molecule of interest.

Group VI, claims 44 and 45, which are drawn to a polynucleotide coding for the signal amplification system.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 10-22 and 25-38, which are drawn to a method of selecting a molecule of interest.

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